

## BLACK HAND BOMB TO AVENGE CONVICT TERRORIZES SCORES

Harlem Store Wrecked After  
Proprietor Had Sent Black-  
mailer to Prison

WAITED WITH SHOTGUN

Had Been Warned to Pay  
\$2,000, and Later \$1,000  
Was Demanded.

A bomb exploded at 2:30 A. M. today against the door of Vito Miranda's drug store, at No. 214 East One Hundred and Twelfth Street, and within a few minutes five hundred tenants in the neighborhood were crowding down halls and fire escapes.

The plate glass of the drug store was broken and bottles were blown from shelves and show cases. Windows were demolished in more than half a dozen buildings on each side of the street, the damage being \$500.

Miranda lives across the street, in No. 212, with his wife and four children, and most of his front windows were broken. He knew when he heard the crash what it was, for he had sat at one of the windows for many nights with a shot gun across his knee to prevent it.

In 1913 Miranda received several letters demanding \$2,000. They told him to take the money to Bronx Park and hand it to a man with a red bandanna handkerchief who would ask "Have you a fish?" He gave the letters to the police and Detective Di Martini was sent to work in the drug store as a clerk.

An appointment finally was made for the blackmailers to send to the store for the money, and when Lorenzo Collara asked for it and the detective almost wrecked the store in the fight that followed. Collara was sent to Sing Sing, where he died.

Within a short time the druggist received a new batch of letters, demanding him for Collara's death and offering to let him alone for \$1,000. It was then he watched with a gun from his window. Only once did he see, on the night of March 6, 1914, and on that night a bomb wrecked the front of his store as it did this morning. The last letter he received was in February, demanding \$1,000.

**NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.**  
Cotton opened from 1 to 9 points up with firm undertone shown in all positions. The late months were strongest, due to speculative buying. During the second hour prices shaded off on liquidation by Liverpool and New Orleans.

Open High Low Last  
May ..... 5.88 5.96 5.80 5.80  
July ..... 10.19 10.27 10.07 10.11  
October ..... 10.61 10.69 10.50 10.52  
December ..... 10.85 10.88 10.71 10.73  
January ..... 10.91 10.91 10.74 10.80  
March ..... 11.07 11.09 10.98 10.98  
Market closed barely steady, off 2 to 7 points.

**First Deckers' Battalion Parades.**  
LIVERPOOL, April 12.—The first deckers' battalion, 850 men strong, paraded to-day in khaki uniforms before Lord Derby, their commander. Then they marched between lines of cheering crowds to the docks to begin work.

## BETHLEHEM STEEL SUDDENLY SHOOT TO NEW TOP PRICE

The two important developments in the American public has acquired confidence enough in the steel industry to begin to buy and sell steel that developed a significant part of foreign selling.

When steel prices were last reported rising prices to-day, the Chicago Board of Trade May wheat sold at \$1.37 per bushel. Prices from the country and that winter wheat was in fine condition, farmers are busy planting and the prospects are for plentiful harvests again this year.

**Chicago Quotations.**  
Wheat and other grain prices closed

Wheat	Barley	Oats	Rye	Corn	Soybeans
May	May	May	May	May	May
1.37	1.15	1.05	1.25	1.10	1.15
July	July	July	July	July	July
1.38	1.16	1.06	1.26	1.11	1.16
October	October	October	October	October	October
1.39	1.17	1.07	1.27	1.12	1.17
December	December	December	December	December	December
1.40	1.18	1.08	1.28	1.13	1.18
January	January	January	January	January	January
1.41	1.19	1.09	1.29	1.14	1.19
March	March	March	March	March	March
1.42	1.20	1.10	1.30	1.15	1.20

**CRAFTSMAN BUILDING**  
Oriental and Domestic Rugs  
The Rug Department will offer  
Tuesday, April 13  
and until further notice, its entire stock, comprising over  
3,000 RUGS, Regardless of Cost  
6 East 39th Street to 5 East 38th Street  
Near Fifth Avenue

## INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES IN SESSION

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